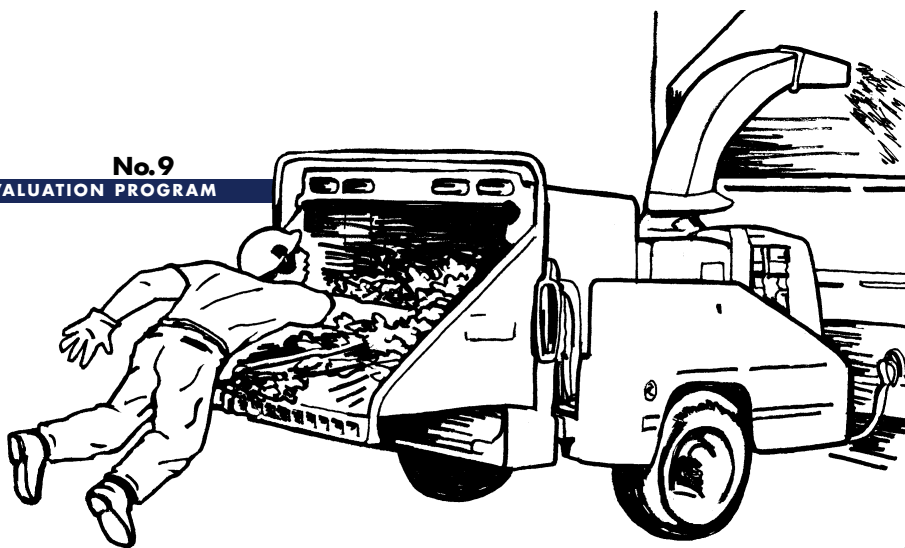


TREE TRIMMER KILLED!



PULLED THROUGH WOOD CHIPPER

A 33-year-old tree trimmer, Matt A., died while he was chipping tree branches when he lost his balance or his gloves were caught in the feed rollers. He was pulled through the machine. Matt was standing in front of the opening to the hopper feeding in small branches when the incident occurred.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Matt was unable to reach the safety stop bar.

Matt was too close to the feed rollers.

There was no one immediately available to help.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Stand to the side of the chipper when feeding in material.

Use a long branch or stick to push in small branches.

Have at least two workers for each chipper.

For complete fatality reports of this case (00CA010) or other cases, and information on the California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program, contact:

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